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New York Democrats:

Bobby Kennedy is a loser. Don't be stampeded into backing a loser and deserting a winner, President Johnson.

Here is what happened in New York State in 1964:

Lyndon B. Johnson for President:
2,669,576 plurality

Robert F. Kennedy for Senator:
719,823 plurality

Obviously, Bobby Kennedy didn't win that race. Lyndon Baines Johnson won it for him. If, instead of the landslide, President Johnson defeated Goldwater by the same small plurality that John F. Kennedy defeated Nixon in New York, Robert Kennedy would have lost by over 2 million votes. As a matter of fact, Robert Kennedy also ran behind local candidates. In my own race for Congress, running as a political unknown in 1964, I out-polled him by 22,000 votes.

Has he turned into a winner since 1964? New Hampshire Democrats answered with a resounding "No." Last week they had precisely the same opportunity to write in Kennedy's name as they did Lyndon Johnson's name. Here are their respective

write-in votes in the Democratic primary:

President Johnson:	29,021
Senator Kennedy:	600

What's more, Kennedy knows he is a loser. That's why he is avoiding the Wisconsin primary in April. This may well be the first time in history that a candidate has simultaneously announced both his presidential ambitions and his refusal to enter the next available presidential primary.

The plain fact is that Kennedy knows he cannot win the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. So this consistent loser is taking on another role: *spoiler*. He is now intent on splitting the Democratic party nationally as well as locally, for the sole purpose of defeating Lyndon B. Johnson in the general election against the Republican candidate.

THE LOSING RECORD

There is no Kennedy magic. Bobby Kennedy has not only been a loser in his own campaign. He has also been completely ineffective when he actively supported other Democratic candidates and issues:

Pierre Salinger: lost in 1964 in California

Kenneth O'Donnell:
lost in 1966 in Massachusetts

Civilian Review Board:
lost in 1966 in New York City

New York State Constitution: lost in 1967

These are men and issues that he actively—but ineffectively — backed. On other occasions he undermined good and loyal Democrats by inactivity and indifference. I refer to the New York City Mayorality contest in 1965 and the Gubernatorial contest in 1966. In both cases, the Senator's motivation was to keep good Democrats from rising to the top where they could threaten his control of the party machinery and, particularly, his control of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Let us remember, the Senator has had his eye on the Presidency for a long time.

In his statement on Saturday, Senator Kennedy would have you believe that he will be a better President, exercise better judgment, and solve our problems at home and abroad better than President Johnson. His own record does not merit such confidence:

As a member of the National Security Council in

1961, he not only endorsed but encouraged the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion, a humiliating defeat resulting in large numbers of dead, wounded and captured.

His political leadership as a member of the Cabinet in Washington was marked by the same failures. As Attorney General he failed to get a Civil Rights bill through Congress. As a member of the Cabinet he failed to obtain legislation on federal aid to education, anti-poverty programs, Medicare, and tax reductions.

Ironically, these programs—and many others—were pushed through Congress and enacted into law by the President that Senator Kennedy would now like to replace.

THE GREAT CREDIBILITY GAP

As a member of the National Security Council he endorsed the first major military commitment—the first real escalation in Vietnam, an increase from 773 to 16,500 men. Yet he now attacks President Johnson for our problems in that country.

Contrast Senator Kennedy's Saturday statement with this speech he made in New York City on June 3rd, 1967—a scant 9 months ago:

"He (President Johnson) has borne the burdens few other men have ever borne in the history of the world, without hope or desire or thought to escape them. He has sought consensus but he has never shrunk from controversy. He has gained huge popularity but he has never failed to spend it in the pursuit of his beliefs or in the interest of his country. He has led us to build schools and clinics and homes and hospitals, to clean the water and to clear the air, to rebuild the city and to recapture the beauty of the countryside, to educate children and to heal the sick and comfort the oppressed on a scale unmatched in our history. This is what this country has done under the leadership of President Johnson."

Before the New Hampshire primary, Senator Kennedy promised to support the candidacy of President Johnson. Now he sees himself as the sole rightful pretender to the White House.

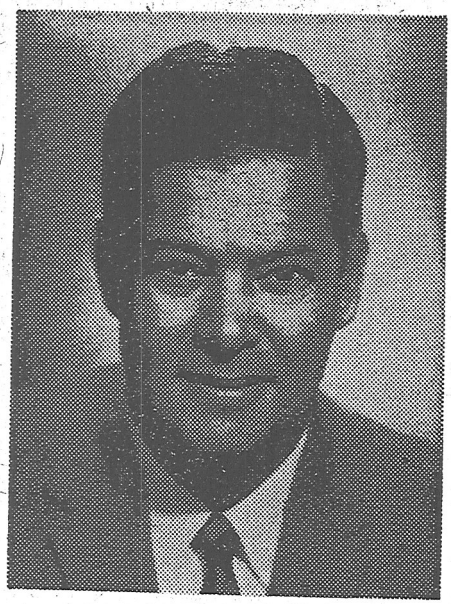
On February 14th, 1968, in Buffalo, Senator Kennedy, working through his hand-picked New York State Chairman John Burns, was responsible for the introduction and passage of a resolution pledging loyalty to President Johnson and support for his renomination and re-election.

Obviously, there was not a shred of sincerity in any of these widely publicized statements and actions.

We New Yorkers are thinking people. We cannot be led like sheep or stampeded like cattle. We have emotions, but we've also got brains. We like to examine the merchandise before we buy. Most important, we prefer winners to losers. President Johnson has been a great President. And he's the winningest president we've ever had. Let's stick with the winner.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

I am an announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senator. I shall run as a supporter of President Johnson. We must elect Convention delegates who will support the President. If you agree with me, please let me know.



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